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1. Ahmed Balafrej, Secretary-General of the Istiqlal (Independence) Party and chairman of the joint strategy committee of the four Moroccan nationalist parties, is to arrive in New York during the week of 6 October 1952.¹
2. Mohammed ben Abdullah Allal el Fassi, leader of the Istiqlal Party and spiritual head of the Moroccan nationalist movement, also is to arrive in New York by air during the week of 6 October 1952.²
3. Fassi has met with officials of the Foreign Offices of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile in an attempt to gain their support for the Moroccan case before the United Nations.
4. Balafrej and el Fassi are to remain in New York during the sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and will act in an advisory capacity to the committee of Arab-Asian countries concerned with the presentation of the Moroccan case.

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1. Comment. Unevaluated reports indicate that Balafrej may be the bearer of oral instructions from the Sultan concerning the conduct of the Moroccan case in the UN. In any event, the Istiqlal secretary is a man of considerable political experience who should be of great use to the Moroccan delegation in the United States. Although Balafrej was arrested and expelled from Morocco by the French during the last war he is noted for his lack of bitterness and for his belief that his country can recover its independence by peaceful means.

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2. Comment. El Fassi's efforts in South America have been successful from his point of view, as was his publicity tour of Sweden before that.

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